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1. Views of Dutch Ambassador to USSR on Soviet outlook--US Ambassador Chapin at The Hague transmits the view of the Dutch Ambassador to the USSR that no possibility exists of internal Soviet revolution or of an easing of the international situation as a result either of Soviet domestic problems or Stalin's death. The Dutch Ambassador foresees instead a Soviet evolution with a rising standard of living through a succession of four 5-year plans. He is convinced, despite rapid Soviet military preparations, that war on a major scale is presently impossible in Soviet planning and the USSR does not make "major mistakes or take unnecessary gambles." However, he regards war within five years to be a distinct possibility if the USSR should succeed in discovering and developing rich new oil deposits, possibly in the Batum area or Siberia. The Dutch Ambassador concluded the interview with the hope that Western unification would proceed rapidly as the only effective counterpart to Soviet expansion, declaring his belief that a firm stand for the next four or five years would halt such expansion and perhaps may even force a slight withdrawal.

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2. Trygve Lie believes USSR wants return to UN--US Ambassador Douglas in London has been told in strict confidence by a British Foreign Office official that Trygve Lie found Soviet leaders concerned by the situation created by their UN walk-out and wanted to return but cannot do so until the problem of Chinese representation is settled. Lie reportedly gained the impression that the USSR would not defeat the proposal for a meeting of the UN Security Council meeting on the ministerial level, provided the Chinese question were solved in advance. Stalin expressed to Lie no hostility concerning the idea of a meeting of the heads of state but emphasized the need for careful preparation for meetings on any level. The British Foreign Office official indicated that Lie made no specific proposals while in London.

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